



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 12, 2018.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

TITLE: Census of Aquaculture

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0535-0237

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The primary objective of the 2018 Census of Aquaculture is to obtain a comprehensive and detailed picture of the aquaculture sector of the economy. The census of agriculture is required by law under the “Census of Agriculture Act of 1997, “Public Law 105-113 (Title 7, United States Code, Section 2204g). The census of aquaculture will be the only source of data comparable and consistent at the national and State levels for the aquaculture industry. It will cover all operations, commercial or noncommercial, for which \$1,000 or more of aquaculture products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year. The census of aquaculture is one of a series of special study programs that comprise the follow-on study to the Census of Agriculture and is designed to provide detailed statistics on the aquaculture industry.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Statistics Service will collect data to provide a comprehensive inventory on the number of operations, freshwater and saltwater acreage used for aquaculture production, water sources used for production, methods of

production, total production, sales outlets, value of aquaculture products sold and sales by aquaculture species, products distributed for recreation, restoration, or conservation by species. These data will provide information on the aquaculture industry necessary for farmers, government, and various groups, concerned with the aquaculture industry to evaluate policy and programs, make marketing decisions, and determine the economic impact on the economy.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Farms; Business or other for-profit

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 6,100

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: One-time (Every 5-years)

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 3,073

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